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SUBJ: MORE GOVERNMENT CHANGES

REF: ZANZIBAR A-13

1. GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR ANNOUNCED MAY 6 SEVERAL CHANGES IN SENIOR GOZ POSITIONS APPARENTLY MADE MAY 1 BY AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE.

2. FORMER CHAIRMAN (MINISTER) OF AGRICULTURE HAMDAN MUHIDDIN CHANGED JOBS WITH FORMER CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SAID BAVUAI. JUMBE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BECOME PARTICULARLY DISSATISFIED WITH MEQIDDIN'S POOR PERFORMANCE IN VITAL AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. MUHIDDIN, IN TURN, NOT AT ALL HAPPY WITH HIS APPARENT DEMOTION. BAVUAI HAS BEEN PROMINENT AMONG DEADWOOD IN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND AT HIGH LEVELS OF ASP. HE SEEMS UNLIKELY TO BE IMPROVEMENT OVER MUHIDDIN.

3. RASHID ABDALLAH, WHO HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF WATER AND POWER SINCE LATE OCTOBER 1975 HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDEFINED JOB IN ASP PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WHICH APPEARS TO BE NEW JOB CREATED FOR HIM. ABDALLAH IS MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE INVOLVED IN THIS ROUND OF CHANGES BUT HE DID POORLY AS HEAD OF WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT. HE INHERITED MOST OF CURRENT PROBLEMS (ZANZIBAR A-04) BUT WAS NOT UP TO SOLVING THEM. HE SUFFERED MILD HEART ATTACK IN FEBRUARY DURING HEIGHT OF
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WATER AND POWER CRISIS.

4. NEW WATER AND POWER CHAIRMAN IS MAJOR JUMA ABDALLAH SAADALLAH WHO ALSO APPOINTED TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, BRINGING THAT GROUP'S MEMBERSHIP TO NEW HIGH OF 33. SAADALLAH WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY IN FEBRUARY 1976. ALONG WITH ASP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALI MZEE, SAADALLAH IS ONE OF SMALL NUMBER OF YOUNGER ZANZIBARIS IN WHOM JUMBE HAS SHOWN CONFIDENCE AND WHO ARE GRADUALLY BEING BROUGHT INTO POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE.

5. CAPT. AHMADA KOMBO SHIMADA AND ADAM TWAIB ARE RESPECTIVELY NEW DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF INDUSTRY AND WATER AND POWER. FORMER WAS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AT WATER AND POWER. MAJOR ABDALLAH BALOZI IS NEW HEAD OF PRISONS, OR "REEDUCATION" SERVICE. LTCOL ABDALLAH SAID IS NEW HEAD OF INTELLIGENCE. LTCOL A.S. NATEPE WAS APPOINTED TO HEAD SECURITY DEPARTMENT, FILLING VACANCY LEFT IN OCTOBER 1975 WHEN IBRAHIM MAKUNGA WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENT OF OCEANS AND FISHERIES.

6. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE CHANGES, IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER KHAMIS DARWESH HAS BEEN NAMED AS ONE OF THREE DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONERS. HE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. DARWESH WAS CLOSE TO LEAVING THE FORCE (ZANZIBAR A-11) BUT THIS SHOULD BE A HAPPY SOLUTION FOR DARWESH, AS ORIGINAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER, AND THE GOVERNMENT. HE WILL BE OUT OF HARMS WAY, YET STILL ABLE TO WEAR HIS UNIFORM AT PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

7. COMMENT. IT HAS BEEN SPECULATED FOR SOME TIME THAT JUMBE WOULD MOVE SOME DEADWOOD OUT OF SENIOR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT JOBS. IN THREE GOVERNMENT SHIFTS REACHING BACK TO OCTOBER 1975, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT, HOWEVER, ANY OF OLD HANDS LOSING MUCH GROUND. MAIN RESULT OF CHANGES IS INTRODUCTION OF SMALL NUMBER OF NEW FACES INTO HIERARCHY WHICH BECOMING INCREASINGLY CROWDED BECAUSE JUMBE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO LET OLDER, UNPRODUCTIVE PEOPLE GO.
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